



Roadside Ore Removal Proposal - Midnite Mine Superfund Site Please Submit Your Comments By July 21, 2003

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) would like your comments on alternatives for cleaning up radioactive materials along the Ford-Wellpinit road.

Dawn Mining Company used the Ford-Wellpinit road as the haul route to transport uranium ore from Midnite Mine, on the Spokane Indian Reservation, to the company's mill in Ford. EPA radiation tests along the road show that material that spilled from haul trucks over the years remains in several roadside locations. EPA plans to clean up the spilled materials, because radiation from these sources is a human health concern.

EPA evaluated several cleanup alternatives for the spilled materials. EPA's preferred alternative is digging up the spilled materials and hauling them to a staging area at Midnite Mine, where they will be addressed as part of the overall Superfund cleanup at the mine. EPA's evaluation is presented in a document called an Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis (EE/CA).

How To Comment

You are invited to review and comment on the EE/CA and EPA's preferred alternative. EPA will consider all comments received by **July 21, 2003**, before we make the final decision on how to clean up the ore. **You are encouraged to send written comments, postmarked by July 21, 2003 to:**

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Please call Debra Sherbina at 1-800-424-4372, extension 0247, if you would like to request a formal public hearing. If EPA receives sufficient requests, a hearing will be held. **Written comments will also be accepted at the informational meeting on Tuesday, June 17, 2003, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the Fire Management Conference Room in Wellpinit, Washington.**

Where To Find Documents

The EE/CA and other documents related to EPA's ore removal proposal are available for review at the Spokane Tribal Natural Resources Center in Wellpinit. To arrange a review, call Randy Connolly at (509) 258-7709, extension 13. If you have questions about the ore removal, please call Elly Hale at 1-800-424-4372, extension 1215.

EPA's Midnite Mine website: Click on <http://www.epa.gov/r10earth>, click on "Index," then "M" to find "Midnite Mine."

For people with disabilities: please call Debra Sherbina at 206-553-0247 (toll-free: 1-800-424-4372) if you have special requests for reasonable accommodations. For TTY users: please call the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 and give the operator Debra Sherbina's phone number.